

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. [ ] the Chŏngmun-dong (N 40-51, E 129-35) (EA-4922) Consumer's Guild was in two buildings at EA-487232. The Guild's office and shop were in one building identified by a sign "Chŏngmun-dong Consumer's Guild." The other building was used for storage and contained about 50 bags of grain and 30 kilograms (sic) of seaweed. 25X1
2. The former chief of the Guild, YI Nung-tae (2621) [ ] was arrested for embezzlement [ ] and sentenced to seven years imprisonment. Other personnel of the Guild were an assistant chief; an accountant, KIM Wol-pong (6855/2588/7685); a distribution section member, CHŪN Sang-hyon (0356/1424/2938) [ ] and one salesman. 25X1
3. Twice monthly the Chŏngmun-dong Consumer's Guild distributed rations for government officials and families of soldiers living in the areas of Chŏngho (N 40-49, E 129-33) (EA-4618) and Kalma (N 40-51, E 129-43) (EA-6022). The Guild received its commodity supplies from the Hwat'ae-gun Consumer's Guild at EA-402234. 25X1
4. In May commodities sold by the Chŏngmun-dong Consumer's Guild were priced as follows:<sup>1</sup>

COMMODITY	UNIT <sup>2</sup>	GUILD PRICE <sup>3</sup>	MARKET PRICE <sup>3</sup>
Rice	1 small mal	700	800
Rice (Chinese)	1 small mal	550	600
Sorghum	1 small mal	400	450
Millet	1 small mal	550	650
Corn	1 small mal	400	450-500

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<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>UNIT<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>GUILD PRICE<sup>3</sup></u>	<u>MARKET PRICE<sup>3</sup></u>
Beans	1 small mal	400	450-500
Bean oil	1 hop	80	
Bean sauce	1 kilogram	35	80
Soy	1 sung	40	150
Eggs	each	15	20
Apples	1 kilogram	35	50
Cigarettes	1 package (20)	70	70
Wine	1 toe	170	600
Cotton cloth	1 x 0.5 meter	130	200
Linen (Chinese)	1 x 0.8 meter	512	
Socks (Chinese)	1 pair	300	400
Towel (Chinese)	each	300	400
Canvas shoes (Chinese)	1 pair	700	1,000
Rubber shoes, men's	1 pair	1,100	1,500
Leather shoes (Czechoslovakian)	1 pair	2,500	3,000
Shovel	each	200	
Kettle	each	400	500
Kettle	each	700	800
Kettle	each	1,500	1,700
China bowl	each	30	50
Matches	1 box	15	20
Thin paper	1 meter sq.	100	200
Pencil	each	10	10

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Comment. Western equivalents of Korean units of measure used in this report are: one small mal, about 1.03 pecks; one sung, 1.8 liters; one hop, .16 quart; one toe, .48 gallon.

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Comment. All prices are in North Korean won.

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